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## BANKS.

### HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Paid-up Capital, \$5,000,000 Dollars. Reserve Fund, \$1,000,000 Dollars.

#### COVER OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman—F. D. BARBON, Esq. Deputy Chairmen—W. H. FORBES, Esq. E. R. BELLION, Esq. ADAM LIND, Esq. H. L. DALRYMPLE, Esq. WILHELM REINER, Esq. H. HOFFMANN, Esq. W. S. YOUNG, Esq. Hon. W. KESWICK.

#### CHIEF MANAGER.

Hongkong, THOMAS JACKSON, Esq.

Shanghai, EMMET CAMERON, Esq.

LONDON BANKERS:—London and County Bank.

#### HONGKONG.

##### INTEREST ALLOWED.

On Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits:—

For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.

" 6 " 4 per cent. " "

" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

#### LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

#### T. JACKSON,

Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation, No. 1, Queen's Road East, Hongkong, August 16, 1878.

### ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

#### RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

At 3 months' notice 3 per cent. annum.

" 6 " 4 " " "

" 12 " 5 " " "

#### D. A. J. CROMBIE,

Acting Manager.

Oriental Bank Corporation, Hongkong, July 1, 1878.

### CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

CAPITAL, \$200,000. RESERVE FUND, \$150,000.

#### BANKERS.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.

THE CITY BANK.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

THE BANK'S BRANCH in Hongkong grants Drafts on London and the Chief Commercial places in Europe and the East; buys and receives for collection Bills of Exchange; and conducts all kinds of Banking and Exchange Business.

#### RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

On Current Accounts, 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits.

For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.

" 6 " 4 per cent. " "

" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

#### NOW READY.

A CHINESE DICTIONARY IN THE CANTONER DIALECT. Part I. and II. A to M, with Introduction. Royal 8vo. pp. 404.—By ERNEST JOHN KIRZ, Ph.D. Tubingen.

Price: Five Dollars, or Two Dollars and a Half per Part.

To be had from Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., Hongkong and Shanghai; and Messrs KERRY & WALKER, Shanghai.

Hongkong, March 1, 1878.

## For Sale.

### RECENTLY ARRIVED.

#### FOR SALE.

TEYSSONNEAU'S FINE FRENCH STRAWBERRIES.

TEYSSONNEAU'S ASSORTED FRUITS.

French JAMS and JELLIES.

MACASSAR RED FISH.

Very Fine "O. K." BOURBON WHISKY.

FINEST CHERBOURG BUTTER, in BOTTLES OF ONE POUND.

BUSCK & Co.'s SELECTED DANISH BUTTER, Season 1878, in Tins of 1 lb., 2 lbs., and 4 lbs.

ENGLISH and AMERICAN HOUSEHOLD STORES.

EXTRA FINE CHICAGO BACON and HAMS.

MACHEREL and SALMON BELLIES, in Kits.

COD FISH, &c., &c.

HOT'S BEST RUSSIAN ROPE, and FINE LINES, Assorted Sizes.

FROST BROS'S BEST ENGLISH WHITE LINES.

HENRY'S BEST GOVERNMENT NAVY CANVAS, Assorted Numbers.

INDIA RUBBER SHEET PACKING and INSERTION, all Sizes.

TUCK'S PATENT PACKING.

INDIA RUBBER SUCTION and DELIVERY HOSE.

CANVAS HOSE and LEATHER BELTING.

AMERICAN ASH BOAT-OARS.

ADMIRALTY TESTED CHAIN CABLES, and RIGGING CHAIN.

ANCHORS, from 25 lbs. up to 18 cwt. Each.

PERFORATED ZINC SHEETS.

TINMAN'S and PLUMBER'S SOLDER.

LEAD PIPE, and SHEET LEAD.

FAIRBANK'S PLATFORM SCALES, from 400 lbs. to 2,500 lbs.

MASSEY'S PATENT LOGS.

FLOUR SIEVES.

INDIA RUBBER KNEE and HIP BOOTS, &c., &c.

LAMMERT, ATKINSON & Co.

Hongkong, August 21, 1878.

## FOR SALE.

THE POWERFUL STEAMER "SEA GULL," 43 tons register, 40 H.P. nominal; Steam 8 knots. She was originally fitted as a Tug and Water Boat, and can be again adapted for the latter purpose at little expense. She has proved herself to be an excellent Sea Boat, and is well found, her Engine and Boiler being in first-class order.

Also, The Schooner "C O E R A N," 134 tons register, built at Singapore in 1864, of Singapore Hardwood and Teak, with Iron Fastenings. She was thoroughly repaired and refitted in April last, and is now in first-class order.

For further Particulars, apply to MORRIS and RAY, Ship Brokers, where the Inventories may be seen.

Hongkong, October 15, 1878. no15

## FOR SALE.

AN OPEN SAILING BOAT, with Masts and Sails Complete, and also can be used for Pulling Six Oars.

Built expressly for REGATTA.

For Particulars, apply to T. ANTHONY & Co.

Hongkong, October 18, 1878.

## Auctions.

### PUBLIC AUCTION.

LAMMERT, ATKINSON & Co. have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on

THURSDAY,

7th November, 1878, at 2 o'clock p.m., at Messrs LANDSTEIN & Co.'s Kerosene Godown, No. 50 D., Wanchai, Praya,—

(For account of the concerned.)

5,000 Cases KEROSENE OIL, Packed in Improved

Patent Cans with High Top Screw. (All more or less damaged.)

Ex "Verona."

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash in Bank Notes on the fall of the hammer. The Kerosene Oil will be sold in Lots of 50 Cases, and all Lots to be cleared before the 15th November; for any Lots remaining uncleared after the 15th, the Purchaser will have to pay Storage to Messrs LANDSTEIN & Co. at the Rate of Two Cents per Case per month or part of a month. The Kerosene Oil will be at Purchaser's risk after being knocked down, and no claim for leaky or bad order cases will be admitted thereafter.

Hongkong, November 2, 1878. no1

## For Sale.

### EX LATE ARRIVALS.

LETT'S DIARIES for 1879.

BASS'S DRAUGHT ALE, in Splendid Condition.

PARTAGA'S HAVANA CIGARS.

LADIES' GARDENING TOOLS.

ELECTRO-PLATED READING LAMPS.

MARK TWAIN'S SCRAP BOOK.

Novelties in Meerschaum PIPES & CIGAR TUBES.

POCKET KNIVES.

THE NEW CHAMPAGNE TAP.

SWIMMING BELTS and AIR CUSHIONS.

CHARLIS, in Pinks.

TWEEDS, in Suit or Trouser Lengths.

FRIEZES, for Ulsters.

WINTER SOCKS & UNDERSHIRTS, Newest Patterns.

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SADDLERY.

SCARVES and TIES, Newest Patterns.

GRAMMARS and SCHOOL BOOKS.

NEW SEASON'S APPLES.

THE NEWEST NOVELS.

RED HEART RUM.

SHOOTING BOOTS.

SPORTING GEAR, of all Descriptions.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, October 18, 1878.

### Intimations.

G. FALCONER & Co., WATCH AND CHRONOMETER MANUFACTURERS, AND JEWELLERS.

NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS, CHARTS and BOOKS.

46, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, October 21, 1878. no20

### THE EASTERN EXTENSION AUSTRALASIA AND CHINA TELEGRAPH COMPANY LIMITED.

IN consequence of the present low Rates of Exchange, the CHARGES on all TELEGRAMS sent through this Office will be INCREASED 10 PER CENT. on and after the 1st NOVEMBER next.

J. ENSTON SQUIER, Superintendent.

Hongkong, October 30, 1878. no8

### DENTAL NOTICE.

DR. ROGERS begs to say that he intends VISITING AMOY and FOOCHEW, leaving Hongkong September 15th, and returning November 1st.

Hongkong, August 21, 1878.

### AFONG, PHOTOGRAPHER.

by appointment, to H. E. SIR ARTHUR KENNEDY, H. E. ADMIRAL ALFRED P. RYDER, and to H. I. H. THE GRAND DUKE ALEXIS OF RUSSIA.

THE Spacious Premises being built especially for the production of Portraits and fitted up so as to command the best light throughout all the Hours of the Day is Open from 8 o'clock a.m. until 5 o'clock p.m., under the personal Management of D. E. Griffith, who has introduced all the latest novelties.

### ENLARGEMENTS AND REDUCTIONS.

In a Superior Style at Moderate Charges.

STUDIO, QUEEN'S ROAD, Nearly opposite The Hongkong Hotel.

Hongkong, September 19, 1878.

### F. HUTCHINGS

begs to announce to the Community of Hongkong that he will be able to supply BEEF, MUTTON, &c., from 1st October, and trusts that they may grant him their support.

Shop—WELLINGTON STREET, opposite the Cathedral.

Hongkong, September 20, 1878.

### NOTICE.

OFFICE OF THE SHANGHAI STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, IN LIQUIDATION.

A SIXTH RETURN OF CAPITAL at the Rate of TWO TAELS per SHARE will be made to Shareholders of Record on the 11th October, Payable at the Office of the Liquidators, on MONDAY, the 21st October.

Warrants will then be delivered by the Undersigned to Shareholders, or their lawful representatives, on presentation of Share Certificates for Endorsement.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 11th to the 21st October, inclusive.

By Order, RUSSELL & Co., Liquidators.

Shanghai, October 6, 1878. no14

## Intimations.

### HONGKONG WHARF & GODOWNS STORAGE.

GOODS RECEIVED on STORAGE at Cheap Rates, in FIRST-CLASS GODOWNS, under European supervision; and VESSELS Discharged alongside the Wharf, on favorable Terms, with quick despatch.

MEYER & Co., Proprietors.

Hongkong, August 28, 1878. no28

### NOTICE.

THE BARON DO CERCAL reiterates that he will not hold himself RESPONSIBLE FOR DEBTS Contracted by the BARONESS DO CERCAL.

Macao, October 29, 1878. no6

### SAILOR'S HOME.

ANY Cast-off CLOTHING, Books, or PAPERS will be thankfully received at the Sailor's Home, West Point.

Hongkong, July 26, 1878.

### Entertainment.

#### HONGKONG TEMPERANCE HALL.

THE OPENING ENTERTAINMENT for the Winter will be given THIS EVENING, the 4th Instant, at 8.30 p.m., when "Professor" IGLOLO will ask the Audience to spend "AN EVENING IN FAIRYLAND."

PRICES OF ADMISSION: 50 Cents and 25 Cents.

Hongkong, November 4, 1878. no8

### Shipping.

#### Steamers.

##### FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHEW.

The Steamship "K'WANGTUNG," Capt. PUNCHARD, will be despatched for the above Ports on TUESDAY, the 5th November, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, October 31, 1878. no5

##### FOR SINGAPORE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE.

(Calling off the usual Coast Ports, and taking through Cargo and Passengers to New Zealand.)

The Eastern and Australian Mail Steam Co.'s Steamer "BRISBANE," Captain REDDELL, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 5th Instant, at 2 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

Hongkong, October 22, 1878. no5

##### FOR PORT DARWIN, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

(Taking through Passengers and Cargo to New Zealand.)

The Eastern and Australian Mail Co.'s Steamer "NORMANBY," Captain KELLS, shortly expected from Singapore, will have quick despatch as above.

For Freight or Passage, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, October 31, 1878.

##### FOR YOKOHAMA.

The British Steamer "FLINTSHIRE," shortly expected from Singapore, will have immediate despatch as above.

For Freight or Passage, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, October 28, 1878.

### Sailing Vessels.

#### FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

The A 1 British Bark "GLAMIS," Captain ROLLO, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, October 26, 1878. no28

#### FOR NEW YORK.

The A 1 British Bark "LIZZIE PERCY," Captain FRYMAN, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, September 17, 1878.

## Shipping.

### Sailing Vessels.

#### FOR LONDON.

The 3/3 L 11 German Bark "PAND



## Notices of Firms.

## NOTICE.

THE INTEREST AND RESPONSIBILITY OF  
Mr. DAVID ROBERT FENTON  
CRAWFORD in our Shanghai Firm,  
CEASED on 31st March last.  
LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.  
Shanghai, October 10, 1878. no14

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES  
MARITIMES.  
PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANÇAIS.  
HONGKONG AGENCY.

FROM This Date until further notice,  
Mr. L. HENNEQUIN will assume  
the Management of the Company's Office  
at this Port.  
H. DE POUEY,  
Agent.  
Hongkong, November 1, 1878.

NORTH CHINA INSURANCE  
COMPANY.

FROM This Date, and during the  
Absence of the Underigned, Mr.  
REGINALD DIGBY STARKIE is autho-  
rized to Act as Agent for the Company in  
Hongkong.  
J. KENNARD DAVIS,  
Agent.  
Hongkong, October 15, 1878. no15

## NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr.  
ARTHUR CHART in our Firm  
CEASED on the 31st December last.  
J. INGLIS & Co.  
Hongkong, June 13, 1878. del13

## NOTICE.

MR NG MEI KUM otherwise called  
NG HOK MUN is admitted a  
Partner in our Firm from the 2nd  
February, 1878.

TACK MEE, HOP KEE HONG,  
No. 9 & 11, Bonham Strand West.  
Hongkong, September 30, 1878.

## NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of the  
late Mr NG SIN FOO otherwise  
called NG HOK SEE in our Firm CEASED  
on the 2nd February, 1878.

TACK MEE, HOP KEE HONG,  
No. 9 & 11, Bonham Strand West.  
Hongkong, September 30, 1878. del30

## NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of the  
Underigned in the Chinese Mail,  
華字日報 (Wah Tze Yat Po),  
CEASED on the 1st August, 1877, but  
Debts prior to that Date will be received  
and paid by him.  
OHUN AYIN.  
Hongkong, April 6, 1878.

## NOTICE.

IN Reference to the above, the Under-  
signed has LEASED the Chinese Mail  
from the 1st August, 1877, and has engaged  
the services of Mr. LEONG YOOK CHUN,  
as Translator and General Manager of the  
newspaper, which under its new régime  
will be found to be, as hitherto, an ex-  
cellent medium for advertising, especially  
as the Manager is able to devote his whole  
attention to the conduct of the Newspaper.

KONG CHIM.

Lessee of the Hongkong Chinese Mail,  
Hongkong, April 6, 1878.

## Intimations.

MURRAY & LANMAN'S  
FLORIDA WATER.

## CAUTION.

HAVING Learned that Large Quantities  
of IMITATIONS of our FLORIDA  
WATER have recently been imported to  
Hongkong, we caution the Public against  
purchasing any that does not bear the name  
"MURRAY & LANMAN" on the label.  
Each Bottle of the Genuine is wrapped  
with a pamphlet printed on paper which  
has the words "LANMAN & KEMP,  
NEW YORK" in Water Mark.  
Messrs MELCHERS & Co. are our only  
AGENTS for Sale of the Genuine Florida  
Water at Hongkong.  
LANMAN & KEMP.  
New York, July 9, 1878. no20

## Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor  
Owners will be Responsible for any  
Debts contracted by the Officers or Crew  
of the following Vessels, during their stay  
in Hongkong Harbour:—

IMPERATRICE ELISABETTA, Austrian ship,  
Capt. Hreglich.—D. Musso & Co.  
GRANIS, British bark, Captain Key.—  
Russell & Co.

LORD MACGILL, British barque, Capt.  
R. B. Monkman.—Wm. Postan & Co.

FORTENAYE, British ship, Capt. Geo. B.  
Taylor.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.

STRANAY, Brit. barque, Capt. Pringle.  
—Stumpson & Co.

COMMISSARY, British ship, Captain A.  
Morison.—Meyer & Co.

PETHO, German barque, Captain C.  
Christiansen.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.

PITANILLA, British barque, Captain  
Wallace.—Captain.

ALBYO, British barque, Captain Robert  
Falconer.—Captain.

Not Responsible for Debts of Crew:—  
HSEAT, British ship, Captain Chas.  
Robertson.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

## To-day's Advertisements.

THEATRE ROYAL,  
CITY HALL,  
HONGKONG.

THURSDAY EVENING,  
November 7th, 1878.

THE ROYAL ENGLISH OPERA  
AND  
OPERA BOUFFE COMPANY

will produce  
BALFE'S ROMANTIC OPERA  
"THE BOHEMIAN GIRL."

MISS ELOIA MAY AS AIRLINE.

CAST OF CHARACTERS:

Thaddeus,.....Mr. H. VERNON.  
Count Arnheim,.....Mr. H. PHILLIPS.  
Florestin,.....Miss A. DRAGGER.  
Devilshoof,.....Mr. PADDOH.  
Captain,.....Miss E. DRAGGER.  
Gipsy Queen,.....Miss E. DRAGGER.  
Arlene,.....Miss ELOIA MAY.

MUSICAL DIRECTOR,.....Mr. F. PANIZZA.

The Operas are produced under the Sole  
direction of  
MR. H. VERNON.

Tickets to be had and Seats secured at  
Messrs KRUZE & Co.'s, where a Plan of the  
Theatre may be seen.

PRICES OF ADMISSION:  
Dress Circle or Orchestra  
Stalls.....Two DOLLARS.  
Pit.....One DOLLAR.

Ladies unaccompanied by Gentlemen  
cannot be admitted.

Hongkong, November 4, 1878. no8

FOR MANILA (DIRECT.)

The Spanish Steamer  
"MARIVELLE"  
Master, will be de-  
parted as above on WED-  
NESDAY Next, the 6th Instant, at 5  
o'clock p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
REMEDIOS & Co.

Hongkong, November 4, 1878. no6

AUSTRALASIAN STEAM NAVA-  
TION COMPANY.

FOR PORT DARWIN, COOKTOWN,  
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE.

Taking Cargo and Passengers for all Aus-  
tralian and New Zealand Ports.

TASMANIA, NEW CALEDONIA & FIJI.

The Chartered Steamship  
"CHARLTON."

Captain JOHNSON, is unavoid-  
ably POSTPONED until on  
or about the 8th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, November 4, 1878.

FROM LONDON, AND PORTS  
OF CALL.

THE British Steamer *Flintshire* having  
arrived, Consignees of Cargo by her  
are hereby informed that their Goods are  
hereby landed at their risk and stored in  
the Godowns of the Underigned, whence  
and/or from the Wharf or Boats delivery  
may be obtained.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the  
11th Instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by  
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,  
Agents, British Steamer *Flintshire*.  
Hongkong, November 4, 1878. no11

ARRIVALS.

Nov. 3, *Lombardy*, British steamer, 1733.  
W. B. Hall, Bombay Oct. 15, Galle 20,  
Penang 25, and Singapore 28, Malls and  
General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.

Nov. 3, *Nizam*, British steamer, 1737.  
A. E. Barlow, Shanghai Nov. 1, Malls and  
General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.

Nov. 3, *Yangtze*, British steamer, from  
Canton.

Nov. 4, *Li-shi*, Chinese R. C., from a  
cruise.

Nov. 4, 1 p.m., *Marivelle*, Spanish str.,  
423, Jose Munoz, Manila Nov. 1, 5 p.m.,  
General.—REMEDIOS & Co.

Nov. 4, *Quarta*, German steamer, 731,  
P. Hays, Saigon Oct. 20, Salt and General.  
—SONZ SHINE.

Nov. 4, *Flintshire*, British steamer, 1233,  
J. Thomas, London Sept. 8, via ports of  
call, and Singapore Oct. 25, General.—GIBB,  
LIVINGSTON & Co.

Nov. 4, H.M.S. *Maggie*, from a cruise.

DEPARTURES.

Nov. 4, H.M.S. *Maggie*, for a cruise.

4, N. N., for Macassar.

4, *Olympia*, for Swatow.

4, *Emeralda*, for Manila.

4, *Yangtze*, for Shanghai.

4, *China*, for Yokohama.

4, *Li-shi*, Chinese R.C., for a cruise.

CLEARED.

*Quinta*, for Saigon.

*Cosmo*, for Valparaiso.

*Aldebaran*, for New York.

*India*, for Melbourne.

*Kwangtung*, for Coast Ports.

*Tatius*, for Bangkok.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per *Lombardy*, for Hongkong: from  
Southampton, Rev. F. R. Smith, Capt. J.  
R. S. O. Hewitt, and Mr. R. Baird; from  
Bombay, Messrs D. Dadaboy and servant,  
and D. Manaboy; from Singapore, Messrs  
Johnstone and servant, Vireo, and S. M.

Munroe, and 52 Chinese.—For Amoy from  
Penang, 7 Chinese.—For Shanghai from  
Southampton, Mrs. Cowie's amah.—For Yo-  
kohama for Galle, Mr. W. Hornsby, and  
Major F. B. Boone.  
Per *Nizam*, from Shanghai: for Hong-  
kong, Messrs A. Cheyne, J. H. Scott, and  
S. Glanville, and 4 Chinese; for Venice, Mr.  
F. W. Lomarchand, and Dr. E. Henderson.  
Per *Flintshire*, from London, Messrs J.  
Ullmann, and M. Ullmann, and 80 Chinese  
from Straits.  
Per *Quarta*, from Saigon, 78 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per *Emeralda*, for Manila, Messrs O. E.  
Edwards, L. Barretto, A. Petel, J. Remusat,  
H. Schuren, Major Deare, and Miss Jennie  
Remusat.

Per *China*, for Yokohama, 4 Chinese;  
from Galle, Mr. W. Hornsby, and Major F.  
B. Boone.

Per *Olympia*, for Swatow, 69 Chinese,  
and 1 European.

Per *Yangtze*, for Shanghai, 1 Cabin.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer *Nizam* reports:  
Had moderate N.E. and Easterly winds  
and fine weather throughout the passage.  
Left Woonong on Nov. 1st at 3.35 a.m.  
Reached Hongkong at 11 p.m. (3rd).

The German steamer *Quarta* reports:  
From Saigon to Hongkong very heavy rain  
till yesterday, and from Cape St. James to  
Paracel moderate, from thence to port very  
fresh monsoon from East and E.N.E. with  
a high sea from N.E. and E.N.E.

The British steamer *Flintshire* reports:  
Left London 6th Sept., Port Said 23rd,  
Suez 26th, arrived at Penang 19th Oct.,  
and left 21st. Arrived Singapore 23rd and  
left 26th, had fine weather to 10 North,  
thence strong N.E. winds and heavy squalls  
the rest of the voyage. Arrived at Hong-  
kong 4.30 p.m. to-day.

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

MAILS will close:—

For SINGAPORE, E. AUSTRALIA, &c.—  
Per *Brisbane*, at 1.30 p.m., on Tuesday,  
the 5th Inst., instead of as previously  
notified.

For BANGKOK.—  
Per *Danube*, at 3.30 p.m., on Thursday,  
the 7th Inst.

For PORT DARWIN, COOKTOWN,  
SYDNEY, &c.—  
Per *Charlton*, is postponed till further  
notice.

MAILS BY THE BRITISH PACKET.—

The British Contract Packet *Nizam*  
will be despatched with Mails for the  
Straits Settlements, Batavia, Burma, Ma-  
laccas, India, Aden, Egypt, Malta,  
Gibraltar, Europe, and countries served  
through London, on THURSDAY,  
the 7th November.

N.B.—This Packet carries no mails for the  
Australian Colonies, E. or S. Africa,  
nor for Mauritius.

The following will be the hours of closing  
the Mails, &c.:—

Wednesday, 6th November.—

5 p.m., Money Order Office closes.

6 p.m., Post Office closes except the NIGHT  
Box, which remains open all night.

Thursday, 7th November.—

7 a.m., Post Office opens for sale  
of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and  
Posting of all correspondence.

10 a.m., Post Office closes except for Late  
Letters. Registry ceases.

10.15 a.m., Letters may be posted with  
LATR Fee of 18 cents extra  
to Postage till

11 a.m., when the Post Office Closes  
entirely.

11.30 a.m., Letters (but Letters only)  
addressed to the United Kingdom  
via *Brisbane*, or to Singapore, may  
be posted on board the Packet with  
LATR Fee of 48 cents extra postage,  
till

11.50 a.m., when the Mail is finally  
closed.

Hongkong, Oct. 28, 1878. no7

MAILS BY THE FARMER PACKET.—

The French Contract Packet *Alca* will  
be despatched from Hongkong on  
THURSDAY, the 14th November,  
with Mails to and through the United  
Kingdom and Europe, via Mar-  
seille, Galle, Pondicherry, Madras,  
Calcutta, Bombay, Aden, Suez, and  
Alexandria.

The following will be the hours of closing  
the Mails, &c.:—

Wednesday, 13th November.—

5 p.m., Money Order Office closes. Post  
Office closes except the NIGHT Box,  
which remains open all night.

Thursday, 14th November.—

7 a.m., Post Office opens for sale of  
Stamps, Registry of Letters, and  
Posting of all correspondence.

10 a.m., Registry of Letters ceases.

11 a.m., Post Office closes except for Late  
Letters.

11.10 a.m., Letters (but Letters only)  
may be posted on payment of a  
LATR Fee of 18 cents extra postage,  
till

11.30 a.m., when the Post Office Closes  
entirely.

Hongkong, October 31, 1878. no14

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.

The United States Mail Packet *City of  
Peking* will be despatched on FRIDAY,  
the 16th Inst., with Mails for Japan,  
San Francisco, and the United States,  
which will be closed as follows:—

2.15 p.m., Registry of Letters ceases.

2.30 p.m., Post-Office closes, but Letters  
(except for Non-Union Countries) may  
be posted on board the Packet with  
LATR Fee of 18 cents extra Postage  
until the time of departure.

Correspondence for Non-Union West Indies  
(except the Bahamas and Cayman), Costa  
Rica, Honduras, Monte Video, New  
Granada, Paraguay, and Uruguay can  
no longer be sent by this route.

Hongkong, November 2, 1878. no19

## MEMOR. FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.  
Daylight.—*Kwangtung* leaves for Coast  
Ports.  
2 p.m.—*Brisbane* leaves for Singapore, &c.

## General Memoranda.

WEDNESDAY, November 6:—

5 p.m.—*Marivelle* leaves for Manila.

THURSDAY, November 7:—

Noon.—English Mail leaves for Ports  
of Call and Europe.

Goods per *Amazons* undelivered after  
Noon, subject to rent and landing  
charges.

2 p.m.—Sale of Kerosene Oil, at Messrs  
Landstein & Co.'s Godowns, Wanchai.  
Opera Bouffe at the City Hall.

FRIDAY, November 8:—

Charlton leaves for Port Darwin, &c., on  
or about this date.

MONDAY, November 11:—

Goods per *Flintshire* undelivered after  
this date subject to rent.

THURSDAY, November 14:—

Noon.—French Mail leaves for Ports of  
Call and Europe.

FRIDAY, November 15:—

3 p.m.—American Mail leaves for Yo-  
kohama and San Francisco.

MONDAY, December 2:—

3 p.m.—Occidental & Oriental S. S. Co.'s  
Steamer leaves for Yokohama and San  
Francisco on or about this date.

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## BIRTHS.

On the 19th Sept., at Bolton-road, Pen-  
dleton, the Wife of the Rev. W. H. HAYNES,  
Curate of St. John's, Pendlebury, late of  
Hongkong, of a Son.

At 2, Minghong Road, Hongkong, 14th  
Oct., the Wife of JAMES FLETCHER, pre-  
maturely, of a Son.

At Shanghai, on the 24th October, the  
Wife of T. W. LAYLER, Imperial Maritime  
Service, of a Son.

At Shanghai, on the 28th October, the  
Wife of Mr. EDWIN BYRNE, of a Daughter.

At Shanghai, on the 29th October, Mrs.  
EDMUND HOLMES, of a Daughter.

## DEATHS.

At 2, Minghong Road, Hongkong, 25th  
Oct., ALFRED ERNEST, Infant son of James  
and Emma Fletcher, aged 11 days.

At Shanghai, on the 29th Oct., Mr. M.  
R. EDWARDS, Yangtze Pilot.

## THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, MONDAY, NOV. 4, 1878.

THE announcement that at a recent  
Cabinet Council it was resolved to send  
the Ameer an ultimatum indicates the  
final crisis in the Afghan affair. Unless  
we are mistaken, something a little more  
humiliating than a mere written apology,  
and an avowal of his readiness to receive  
the mission, will be now required of the  
Ameer. One of the telegrams we pub-  
lish in another column states that the  
Viceroy has ordered Shere Ali to Pe-  
shawur to apologise. It is doubtful if  
the British Government should rest con-  
tent with even a step of that kind. The  
Ameer of Afghanistan has given evi-  
dence, at a critical moment of hostility to  
British interests, and as the ruler of a  
country which constitutes one of the  
bulwarks of India against Russian ag-  
gression, he must be deprived of the  
power to hold open the gates for  
enabling a Muscovite army to march  
upon our Indian possessions. It was  
obvious from the moment that the Brit-  
ish Mission was turned back at the  
mouth of the Khyber Pass, that the  
insult must give rise to important con-  
sequences. The Mission was at once  
dissolved, and its place was very speedily  
occupied by a military force, imposing  
enough to convince the Ameer that if  
we were not allowed to proceed to the  
Afghan capital in a friendly spirit, we  
intended to do so in a hostile one. It  
is now asserted that the Peshawur  
force is to number no less than 35,000  
troops, and probably two-thirds of that  
number are at the present moment  
gathered at the mouth of the Khyber  
Pass, exclusive of the forces at Quetta,  
where the Bolan Pass runs into Afghan  
territory.



The Portuguese ship *Alva* left Manila on the 28th ult., and the French barque *Cordeau* left Hilo for Hongkong. The Spanish brigantine *Villa de Rivadavia* and the British ship *Banica* arrived at Manila from Hongkong on the 29th ult.

It is notified in Saturday's *Government Gazette* that the Rev. R. Hayward Kidd, having returned to the Colony, resumed his duties as Colonial Chaplain from the 20th October; also that His Excellency the Governor has recognised Mr. Pichon as in charge of the French Consulate in Hongkong during the absence on leave of the Consul.

H. E. the Governor appears to have made the best use of his time during his short visit to Canton. On Sunday morning H. E., accompanied by the Consul staff and several members of the Legislative Council, paid official visits to the Viceroy and Governor, to whom H. E. was introduced by H. M. Consul. The same party visited the Halkwan later on in the day. All three officials returned the Governor's visit on board the *Tokang* the same afternoon.

A novel mode of gambling and evading criminal prosecution was brought to our notice to-day, viz., betting on the result of a game of ten pins. A number of coolies were assembled round the windows of the Cosmopolitan Club this afternoon, where they could see a party of foreigners playing bowls, and they bet 5 or 10 cash as the case might be on the number of pins which would fall at each throw. A good deal of native money is said to change hands in this way.

It may perhaps not be known to house holders that usually becomes of their equipment, and for their information we may mention that it is sold by their cooks to keepers of stalls in the Chinese markets, who re-sell it to the poor. Providing this is done with the knowledge and sanction of the householder, well and good; but we believe that cooks are in the habit of purchasing far more soup-meat than is necessary, for the very purpose of making a profit on it, and they do not boil it sufficiently as otherwise it would be unpalatable. Housekeepers would do well to keep their eyes open.

A case was brought before Mr. Francis to-day in which a butcher was charged with having diseased pork in his possession. Inspector Orley proved pretty conclusively that the meat was bad, but the defendant set up a very ingenious defence, viz: that it was for his own use; and Mr. Francis, upon hearing this, said that the man had a perfect right to eat what he liked. Perhaps he had, but we do not envy him his taste, and we would suggest that this butcher should not be lost sight of by Mr. Orley.

The Band and Pipers 74th Highlanders will perform on the Parade Ground to-morrow night, commencing at 9.00 p.m. The following is the programme:—

**BAND.**  
Quadrille, Polka, Strauss.  
Overture, *Sam O' Shanter*, Bishop.  
Selection, *Lucia di Lammermoor*, Donizetti.  
Valse, *La Mandolinetta*, O'Meltry.  
Selection, *Semiramide*, Rossini.  
Galop, *Up and Off*, Faust.  
Mr. J. BUCHANAN, Bandmaster.  
**PIPERS.**  
March, *The 93rd Highlanders Farewell to Gibraltar*.  
Do, *Lochiel's Ave to France*.  
Do, *The Man with the crooked horn*.  
Do, *The Weary Maid*.  
Do, *The Pride of Caledonia*.  
J. HALL, Pipe Major.

The Royal English Opera Company have been rather unfortunate of late in regard to their "houses." One evening the attendance at their performance was miserably small through a continuous and heavy down-pour of rain, and on another occasion a few days ago an entertainment elsewhere tended to lessen the patronage accorded to the Company. On Saturday evening again, "Saturnalia," which was well worth a third visit to the City Hall, only drew a thin house, though an entertainment at the German Club. The Germans are no doubt the best supporters of entertainments in the Colony, and when they have a "social evening" at their Club, and invite their numerous friends it is as useless to expect a full "house" at the City Hall as it is to imagine one will get to sleep until the small hours of the morning within a quarter of a mile of the jolly-but-musical sounds that issue from the Club German.

The opera was very successful. Mr. Phillips, as we anticipated, made a very good "Ariane," although his "Hortensia" was rather a failure. The "Grand Violette" and his "small boy" was also as amusing as ever. On Thursday night the Company produce a new opera—"The Bohemian Girl"; and we hope and have no doubt they will be patronised on that occasion with a full house.

The following are the results of the first two days' races at Shanghai, received by wire:—

**FIRST DAY.**  
The Maloo Plate (half mile)—Stallgraf.  
The Orléans Stakes (one mile)—Black Satin (easy).  
The Maiden Stakes (three-quarters of a mile)—Isgrin.  
The Omb Cup (two miles)—Infatuation.  
The Jockey Cup (one mile)—Bad Boy.  
The Hack Stakes (once round)—Strathgairn.  
The Racing Stakes (mile and a quarter)—Toleration.

**SECOND DAY.**  
The Northern Cup (half mile)—Black Satin (time 59 seconds).  
The Shanghai St. Leger (mile and three-quarters)—Isgrin.  
The Autumn Cup (three-quarters of a mile)—Strathgairn.  
The Cosmopolitan Cup (once round)—Black Satin.  
The Liama Miao Stakes (one mile)—Toleration.  
The Mongol Cup (mile and a half)—Isgrin.  
The Walter Cup (one mile)—Egmont.  
It will be observed with interest that Mr. Paul has been very successful so far, having won the Criterion on the first day with *Black Satin*, and taken no less than three races out of the second day's running, two with *Black Satin* and one with *Egmont*; the time made by the former in the race for the Northern Cup was excellent.

(London & China Express, Sept. 27.)  
Mr. Foster, the Hon. Secretary of the China Famine Relief Fund, has issued a notice intimating that a good harvest has been reaped in Northern China, and that it is therefore no longer necessary to go on collecting money in this country for the relief of the sufferers by famine. The Subscription List in London will be closed as soon as possible.  
The Rev. F. R. Smith, the newly-appointed Chaplain at Canton, who left Southampton by the P. and O. steamer *Pearson*, was for many years senior curate of West Ham, Essex.

It is announced that the United States Government is negotiating for a revision of its Treaty with China.  
We believe that Governor Usher will return to his post at Labuan in November. On the 19th inst. the Japanese mail steamer *Nagata Maru* went a trial trip from the yard of Messrs. Lobnitz, Goulborn, and Co., Renfrew. This vessel is the property of the Mitsui Bishi Steamship Company of Tokyo, and is of the following dimensions:—Length of keel and fore-rake 261 feet, beam extreme 38 feet, depth moulded to spar deck 38 feet 11 inches. She is fitted with a handsome saloon, which accommodates sixty first-class passengers, and has large stowage accommodation. She is over 2,000 tons register, and is fitted with every modern improvement that could be usefully employed for mail service in the Far East. She is fitted with the builders' compound surface-condensing engines 250-h.p. nominal. She went a continuous trial of six hours duration on the measurement knot at Skelmorlie, the engines never being eased from the command; she attained a speed of 12½ knots an hour on ten consecutive runs. This vessel has been entirely overhauled, fitted with new spar deck, and classed in Liverpool Lloyd's, and proceeds at once to take her station in the mail service of Japan.

We are glad to notice that Sir Arthur Kennedy has, with a view of promoting the commercial relation existing between the Australian colonies and China, organised the National Agricultural and Industrial Association of Queensland, for the purpose of holding an International Exhibition in Brisbane in August 1880. Mr. J. F. C. Wildash has visited the merchants in China and Japan, in order that these countries shall be worthily represented at the proposed show, believing at the same time that great good would accrue both to the colonies and the Far East.

During the past fortnight the movements on the water-side at Hamburg have been lively enough, but still cannot be called very satisfactory, as Transatlantic arrivals and departures were but poorly represented. Of arrivals from the Far East I can only name one vessel, the barque *George Nicholas*, Beckmann, from Lérna; and but one departure, the German barque *Excelsior*, Klock, for Hong Kong. Of vessels loading for the Eastern Asiatic parts I can name the following:—*Nautilus*, Schenker, for Rangoon (a new vessel); *Yerania*, a.s., for her usual route to Hong Kong, via Penang and Singapore (to leave Oct. 4); the *Theresa Behn*, Steffens, for Shanghai, and *Paladin*, Luetjens, for Manila.

Intelligence from Central Asia received at St. Petersburg states that 20,000 Chinese troops have arrived at Manas on their way to join the army of Tokoum-tai at Kashgar. Lieutenant William E. McDougall has been appointed flag-lieutenant to Rear-Admiral Coote, Commander-in-Chief on the China Station, who hoisted his flag on board the *St. Vincent*, training-ship at Portsmouth, yesterday, when the customary salute was exchanged with the *Duke of Wellington*.

The German corvette *Augusta*, homeward bound from the China Station, arrived at Malta on the 21st inst.

A telegram from Montevideo, dated the 17th inst., announces that the steamer *Junon*, on its voyage round the world, arrived there that day, all well on board. She will next go to Buenos Ayres, whence an excursion will be made by the travellers to Paraná, Rosario, and the interior of the Pampas.  
The P. and O. steamer *Tehran*, Captain Johnson, has left the Victoria Docks for Buenos, to relieve the *Transvaal*, disabled. Newspapers do not seem to have noticed that among the foreign military officers composing the brilliant staff which accompanied the President at the late review at Vincennes there was present the Attaché to the Chinese Legation, Echen Kiat-ong, who was congratulated by the Marshal on his horsemanship.  
Instructions have been sent to the Government cancelling the orders under which the *Orontes* sailed from Portsmouth, she will not take the 101st Regiment to the Straits Settlements as intended, as the prevailing and increased sickness at Cyprus renders it inadvisable to subject the troops to the passage of the Red Sea. It is, therefore, ordered that the regiment shall be at once removed to Haifa, instead of Singapore by the *Orontes*.

Latest Mail Address:—Yokohama (via

San Fran.) Aug. 16. Shanghai 11. Foochow 11. Hongkong 12. The *China Mail*, with the advice dated as above, from China and the Straits Settlements, was delivered, via Marcellus, on the 24th inst., six days in advance of its due date. No later Japan advices have reached London via San Francisco. The heavy portion of last inward mail arrived at Southampton per P. and O. steamer *Surat*, on the 26th inst. The next inward (P. and O.) mail from Yokohama 14th, Shanghai 18th, Hongkong 24th Aug., Singapore 1st Sept., is due via Brindisi on the 4th prox.

#### Police Intelligence.

(Both Magistrates sitting.)  
4th November, 1878.

#### ALLEGED LARCENY.

James Burns, private C. Company (No. 451), was charged with stealing a purse and ten dollars in silver from the person of a woman named Wong U, but the complainant being the only witness the defendant was discharged as the evidence was insufficient.

#### WRECKING THEM OUT.

Chung Aloi, a boatman unemployed, was charged by Sergeant Toomey with being a suspicious character, and having no visible means of support. The Sergeant said he had seen the defendant loitering about for the last month. He never appeared to do any work, but followed sampan about and looked into their pockets. There were three previous convictions against him. The defendant said he was employed in the No. 5 boat; this was proved to be false, as on application to the Registrar General's Office it was found that no pullaway boat bore number 5.

Defendant was ordered to find two sureties of \$20 each to be of good behaviour for three months.

#### NABBER.

Cheung Afuk, a fireman, unemployed, was charged by P. O. Campbell with stealing a pair of shoes on board the Canton steamer this morning, and was sent to six months' hard labour and ordered to be exposed in the stocks for three hours.

#### FIGHTING.

Kwan Ayan, salaman, Chan Aing and Kwai Aing, port coolies, were sent to 7 days' hard labour for fighting in the streets.

#### CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."

Hongkong, Nov. 4, 1878.

SIR,—Your correspondent "A. B. O." is I fear under a false impression; he evidently thinks the ridiculous advertisement to which he refers in his letter of 2nd inst. to have been the memorial actually presented for transmission, and that is where his error lies; the writer happens to know the entire history of the affair both in its inception and carrying out. This precious effusion dignified with the name of a memorial really had some genuine "shop chops" upon it, the writer having seen those of about twenty or thirty barbers and other poor ignorant people wholly unable to read or understand the merits of the case if explained to them; when by an error it was presented for signature at the house of a Chinese gentleman of average intelligence, the document in question was glanced at, the signatures upon it ridiculed and then the people presenting it turned out neck and crop amidst the jeers of some half-dozen people who witnessed the occurrence. The impudence of those who attached the Chinese characters Hop-kong-kung-pun to their nonsensical or rather sophistical effusion is only equalled by that of your correspondent A. B. O., who if he really possesses the information to which he pretends must be for reasons best known to himself suppressing it.

A. B. O.'s remark that "I had evidently come forward as the chosen champion of your morning contemporary" is so evidently absurd as to need no contradiction from myself. I would moreover call your attention to the "funny" paragraph introducing the translation published in your contemporary of this morning. One would have inferred that a gentleman accustomed to public writing might have managed to preface his translation with something a little less contradictory or more intelligibly written. By insertion of these few remarks you will much oblige.—Yours, &c., X. Y. Z.

#### China.

AMOI.

(Gazette).

In order to meet the wants of the major part of the Amoy community it is proposed to call a meeting of such residents of Amoy who are not members of the present "Amoy Club" in order to discuss the advisability of forming a "Junior Club" on more liberal principles than those of the Amoy Club now in existence. Should a sufficient number desire to become either shareholders or members we have no doubt but that such a body will meet with signal success.

We learn that recently during the late hours of the night, a gang of thieves broke into a Chinese doctor's shop at Ta-Ha-Koo street in Amoy and made away with six boxes of clothing. The inmates of the house were fast asleep and when they rose in the morning found the door broken and that their clothing had disappeared. The Chinese doctor at once presented a petition to the Magistrate urging him to give orders to the police to discover their whereabouts.

#### SHANGHAI.

(Notes.)

Between fifty and sixty persons attended the meeting yesterday afternoon (Oct. 29th) at the offices of the Municipal Council, to consider the Volunteer question, and Mr. A. Davenport, H.E.'s Council, was elected to preside. Mr. Hart gave an outline of the career of each Company since 1870, explaining that No. 3 had collapsed, No. 7 had 88 members and the 11th No. 88 where-as their complement was 80 rank and file; the 11th No. 88 had twelve effective members but thirty were required to work the three guns for the use of the Company. No. 3 Company had been more fortunate than the others, and numbered 80 rank and file; but he explained that its members could not turn out to drill at a time suitable to the other Companies. A resolution was adopted recognising the necessity for a Volunteer Corps in the Settlement, and proposing that lists should be at the Council offices for a week for the signature of persons willing to become members. The advisability of such a motion, and its probable effects on the existing Volunteer organisations, were briefly discussed. It is difficult to under-

stand the usefulness of such a motion, seeing that the necessity for a Corps has never been questioned, and that residents have been canvassed by the officers to join the ranks and refused. It is the system under which the Corps is worked that seems rather to be impugned, and the meeting was called to devise measures whereby it might be restored to its former state of efficiency. However, no harm has been done by the expression of the opinion that a Volunteer Corps was still a necessity in the Settlement, and as the meeting was adjourned by holding it after business hours in the evening, it is presumed that few, if any, will sign the lists before the next meeting is held, when practically, we should say, the proceedings will begin *de novo*. A second resolution was proposed and seconded, in favour of a uniformity in the style of uniform, but it was not submitted to the vote.

A remarkably sudden death occurred on Tuesday evening. Mr. M. R. Edwards, a well-known Yangtze pilot, left some friends at five o'clock in the afternoon to go to his home in the neighbourhood of the Soochow Creek, and two hours afterwards he was found to be dead. A post mortem examination made by Dr. Johnston, showed that death had resulted from rupture of the aorta.  
H.E. Chung How, Minister to Russia, and suite, arrived from Tientsin on Tuesday afternoon, by the *China Merchants' Company's steamer Pootah*. He was received by several high native officials, with much gorgeous ceremonial, and was escorted to the Canton Guild, in the Ningpo Road, where he was visited by large numbers yesterday, the chairs and jinrikshas being so numerous that the road was almost impassable.

#### ARRIVAL OF THE ENGLISH MAIL.

The P. & O. Co's steamship *Lombardy*, W. B. Hall, with the London mail of the 27th September, arrived here yesterday.

#### TELEGRAMS.

(Straits Times Extra.)

London, Oct. 23.—A great Russian advance southward of the Balkans is taking place.

Sir Stafford Northcote, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, has said in a speech that there is not yet perfect safety from the revival of war because of the obstacles to the execution of the Treaty of Peace.

Constantinople, Oct. 24.—An Imperial Trade has been issued granting the reforms demanded by England for the Asiatic provinces of Turkey.

Berlin, Oct. 24.—The German Police are rigorously enforcing the new laws against Socialists.

Bombay, Oct. 25.—The position of affairs on the frontier is much the same. The concentration of troops is being proceeded with. No hope is entertained of averting war.

It is stated that the reply of the Amoy, although polite, distinctly refuses to admit the British mission, or to have anything to do with the British Government.

A friendly feeling to the British is generally manifested throughout the tribes on the frontier.

There is much sickness at Peshawar.

#### (From Indian Papers.)

Rajapore, Oct. 5.—The 1st Punjab Cavalry have started, and the 2nd are coming to-day. The Belooches, the 19th, 26th, and 70th Regiments, and a battery of artillery are following instantly. The Amoy has sent for the tribal jirgas, or councils. All have agreed to come, even the Jowakia.

Simla, Oct. 9.—Government anticipate discussions amongst the Chiefs of Afghanistan in favour of England. Active preparations for the campaign are going on.

Rawal Pindie, Oct. 6.—With the exception of small detachments from each regiment left at Peshawar, the whole garrison is out under General Ross at Hurringbury, as also the 6th Regiment and a mountain battery from Kohat. The Afghan positions at All Musjid are expected to be attacked to-morrow. Jumrood is occupied by three companies of sepoys. The Masmandas, a border tribe who were expelled last spring, are reported to have joined the Afghans. I-A Horse Artillery from here is ordered to Peshawar immediately. It is rumoured that Yokob Khan has been liberated and appointed to the command of the Amoy army at Kurram.

Simla, Oct. 6.—The capture of All Musjid is reported, but has not yet been officially announced. A Proclamation of the intentions of Government is expected to-morrow. The European mountain battery leaves here to-morrow for Mooltan. Troops have already been telegraphed to advance from Dehra Ghazee Khan.

Simla, Oct. 7.—Fighting in the Khyber Pass and the occupation by British troops of Fort All Musjid is reported on good authority, but not yet officially announced. My account is undoubtedly true as telegraphed last night.

Rawal Pindie, Oct. 7.—In consequence of Fort All Musjid having been considerably reinforced by the Amoy, our attack is postponed, the force being considered inadequate. Our troops maintain their present position, awaiting further reinforcements.

Umballa, Oct. 7, 11-55 p.m.—Strong rumours are prevalent here that the first shot has been fired in anger in the Khyber Pass, where the Cabulies attacked the Khyberies because of their declared sympathies with British interests. To-night the 15th Infantry (European) left Umballa for the frontier, and to-morrow the 25th Punjab Native Infantry start for a similar destination. The 61st Regiment of Native Infantry has been ordered down from Subabos to relieve the troops detached from Umballa. No women or children are allowed to accompany them. A battery of the Horse Artillery left Umballa yesterday for the frontier. The liveliest feeling prevails throughout the Punjab at the expectation of immediate hostilities in Afghanistan. The 28th Pioneers are now passing through Umballa on their way to the frontier.

Calcutta, Oct. 7.—The fort at Jamrud was occupied on Saturday by 300 men. The remainder of the force is at Haddi Singh Burg, five miles distant. The General and staff left on Sunday. The Khyberies have declared for us, and will assist in the operations. The Amoy's force at All Musjid is reported to be 10,000, with 12 guns. The Mohmands are marching to join the Amoy. It is reported from Mooltan that Quetta is threatened.

Lahore, Oct. 8.—The Guides, with a mountain battery, advanced yesterday to the mouth of the Jhelum, & were having

ing to Peshawar Garrison and the Rifle Brigade are at Fort Nowshera under the command of Colonel Olchester, of the 81st. The Cherat Garrison has been ordered back to Peshawar.

Lahore, Oct. 9.—Large reinforcements are ordered to Peshawar; amongst other troops, the 72nd and the 10th Bengal Lancers.

The *Civil and Military Gazette* publishes the following reports, namely that Russia has offered a million roubles, equivalent to £800,000, for a footing at Herat and Tashkurgan; also that Yakub Khan, being released, has enlisted in defence of Kandahar. Ahmed Ali Khan has departed from Kurram with a large force. All Musjid is strengthened by ten regiments. It is also rumoured that an attack on All Musjid, or a collision, it is anticipated, will be made to-day.

Rangoon, Oct. 9.—Latest advices from Mandalay, dated the 6th inst., state that all was well, and that the King's funeral was to take place on the 7th. It is not considered likely that any disturbances will now arise. Business in the teak forests is suspended, owing to the labourers having been ordered to become soldiers. One of the king's sons has arrived in Rangoon.

Rangoon, Oct. 9.—Captain Pemberton, Deputy Commissioner of Nimar, was murdered yesterday by a Mahomedan moonshoe, who had lately been dismissed from his court. The moonshoe shot his victim with a revolver. A railway muck-dum was also shot while attempting to secure the murderer.

It is rumoured at Cabul that the Envoy has returned to Peshawar with a favourable answer and presents from the Amoy. From Mooltan a telegram states that several guns and troops have been seen marching down the Khyber and have reinforced All Musjid. The Kabulis say that the Amoy is willing to receive the mission but that the Viceroy has ordered Shere Ali to Peshawar to apologise. It is also stated that large reinforcements have gone to Kandahar.

Lahore, Oct. 9.—The *Civil and Military Gazette* to-night publishes some important Central Asia news, if true. Yakub Khan is in possession of the Khyber. Yakub Khan released and sent to command at Kandahar and Kurram Valley. All Musjid has been strongly reinforced by the Amoy's troops. The arrears of pay due to the Amoy's troops have been paid up with three months' advance added. The Russians are said to have offered one crore of Bokhara roubles for a footing in Herat, and to be purchasing grain for troops in large quantities. The Indian troops are marching on Peshawar.

Calcutta, Oct. 9.—Ghulam Hossain is detained at Cabul, whilst the Amoy writes an answer to the Viceroy's letter. No further advance of troops is probable for some days. The 17th Foot and Horse Artillery Battery from Rawul Pindie have been ordered to Peshawar. The Guides, the 1st Sikhs, and a Mountain Battery have reinforced Jamrud. The Amoy's reinforcements continue to arrive at All Musjid, which now has eight Regiments of regulars and eighteen guns.

At a meeting of Messrs Nicol & Co.'s creditors yesterday the resolution passed at the previous meeting, that the business be voluntarily wound up, was confirmed. Mr. Hamilton Maxwell, the senior resident partner of the firm, stated that, taking all the liabilities in Bombay and all the assets, leaving the city of Glasgow Bank Bills out of the account altogether, and deducting nine lakhs of rupees for liens on various properties, and depreciation of stock, the accounts would show a surplus of Rs. 650,000, and even if they took the account of their indebtedness to the Glasgow Bank at 25 lakhs, and their liabilities in Bombay at 17 lakhs, they could show assets of 25 lakhs, which would give over eight annas to the rupee.

Mr. Maxwell stated that he and Mr. Hall had given all their private effects to the creditors.

Simla, Oct. 10.—There has been a change in the plan of military operations, and the advance of the Peshawar Column is expected soon. Government are reticent regarding what occurred at All Musjid. Commensurate transport to Kohat is actively proceeding.

Lahore, Oct. 10.—The Viceroy arrives here on the 20th November. Houses have been taken for His Excellency and Suite for two months. The *Civil and Military Gazette* publishes a special telegram from Peshawar that the Amoy's heavy guns are firing in the Khyber. Jumrood is being put in a state of defence. The 8th Foot, 11th and 21st N. I., and the 13th Bengal Lancers have been ordered to be in readiness for immediate service; also the 9th Lancers, 56th Foot, and 24th N. I. The Commander-in-Chief, Sir F. Haines, will command the Peshawar force, which will amount to 55,000 troops, all available artillery being brought into requisition. Invalids have been recalled from the hills. It is reported that the women, children, and sick have been ordered from Peshawar to Nowshera forthwith. Troops and Artillery are passing through here daily both for Mooltan and Peshawar.

Calcutta, Oct. 10.—Heavy firing was heard at Peshawar in the direction of the Khyber Pass, at noon yesterday. The cause is unknown. The tribes assembled round All Musjid are dispersing, owing to scarcity of food.

London, Oct. 12.—The stoppage of the further withdrawal of Russian troops from Turkey is intended to accelerate the definitive conclusion of the treaty of peace. A fire took place at a theatre in Liverpool last night, when a panic ensued and a frightful run was made for the doors, during which 87 persons were killed and many injured. Gobdols yesterday 84.

London, Oct. 14.—The uneasiness concerning the situation in Turkey is increasing. The Russian troops are returning to Adrianople, and have insisted on the Turks evacuating Ekibazade, which the Turks have evacuated. The foreign Ambassadors at Constantinople have sent attaches to verify the movements of the Russians. The Turks are strengthening their lines of defence around Constantinople. The relations between Turkey and Austria are strained. Austria maintains her right to occupy Novibazar, which the Turks dispute, and are sending troops thither. Her Majesty's ships *Raleigh* and *Monarch* have been ordered to Smyrna.

Vienna, Oct. 14.—Garrison in Bosnia and Herzegovina has been reduced to 100,000 men. The Novibazar question will probably be amicably arranged.

Constantinople, Oct. 15.—Russia, yielding to the advice of her colleagues as regards the administration of Roumelia, has agreed to uphold the Berlin and not the San Stefano treaty. A Note has been issued by Consul Andrassy, in which he refuses the charges made by the Porte against the

Austrian troops of cruelties in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The Great Powers disregard the appeal made by the Porte asking them to compel Austria to conform to the declarations made at the Congress. A Circular despatch from the Russian Government alludes to the impotence of the Porte to cope with massacres after the withdrawal of the Russian forces, and urges common action of the Powers in the matter.

London, Oct. 15.—A Times special telegram states that the losses of Hugh Balfour are entirely confined to Manchester. The London Times praises the strenuous efforts of Smith, Fleming & Co. to surmount their difficulties, and predicts a speedy revival of the Eastern trade.

London, Oct. 16.—Sir Michael Hicks-Beach and the Right Hon. W. E. Smith have given up the idea of visiting Cyprus in consequence of the foreign complications which threaten the Government.

Vienna, Oct. 16.—Count Heust has been appointed Austro-Hungarian Ambassador in Paris, which appointment the German Press views in an unfriendly spirit, and Count Karolyi has been appointed Austro-Hungarian Ambassador in London in place of Count Boust.

Berlin, Oct. 17.—The German Parliament has read a second time the Socialist Bill, which is limited to two-and-a-half years.

London, Oct. 17.—It has been arranged between England and France that Mr. Biglerville shall be appointed Minister of Public Works, and Agriculture in Egypt, at the same time controlling railways and harbours in Egypt, with the exception of the Alexandria harbours. The Times condemns the arrangement as likely to induce international rivalry, and cripple Mr. River Wilson.

Constantinople, Oct. 17.—The Sultan has written to the Amoy, urging him as a good Mussulman to make an amicable arrangement with England in reference to Cabul.

Bombay, Oct. 17.—The Times of India's special correspondent at Simla telegraphs as follows:—

The marching of Afghan troops in the neighbourhood of the Khyber Pass is exciting uneasiness as to their exact disposition. The garrisons of Peshawar and Kohat are being reinforced and prepared. A wing of the 5th Punjab Cavalry and the 5th Punjab Infantry reached Thull on October 18th, the 9th Punjab Infantry on the 14th; the 12th Bengal Cavalry marched for Kohat on the 15th. A squadron of the 10th Hussars and four eleven-pounder mountain batteries and the 5th Goorkhas are at Kohat.

#### Quotations.

Hongkong, November 4, 1878.

OPIMUM.—Now Patna, cash, \$580.  
" Old Patna, cash, 567½  
" New Benares, cash, 540  
" Old Benares, cash, 540  
" New Malwa, cash, 780  
" Allowance Teels, 8 a 24  
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" Allowance Teels, 8 a 24

#### Exchange.

Bank, on demand, 3/8  
" 30 days' sight, 3/8  
" 6 months' sight, 3/9  
Credits, 3/9  
Documentary, 6 months' sight, 3/9  
Bombay, demand Rupees, 228½  
Calcutta, 228½  
Shanghai, demand, 72½  
" 80 days, 72½  
Bar Silver, 17 dwts. 5, 109½ nom.  
Sycee, 109½  
Mexican, 1 1/2 %  
Gold Leaf, 99½ fine 27/0  
English Sovereign, 5/38  
Australian Sovereign, 5/38

#### Shares.

Hongkong Bank, 73 1/2 prem.  
Union Ins. Society of Canton, £1,700  
China Traders Ins. Co., \$1,550  
Yangtze Ins. Assoc., \$1,720  
Chinese Insurance Co., \$342½  
North China Ins. Co., \$1,250  
H.K. Fire Ins. Co., \$915  
China Fire Ins. Co., \$250  
H.K. & W. Dock Co., \$17 1/2 prem.  
H.K. & C. M. S. Boat Co., \$12 prem.  
Shanghai Steam Navigation, \$17  
China Coast St. Nav. Co., \$18  
Hongkong Gas Co., \$97½  
Hongkong Hotel Co., \$65  
China Sugar Refining Co., \$161  
Sichuan Imperial Loan, £105  
Do, of 1877, £108

#### Temperature.

(Taken at Messrs Falconer & Co.'s Premises, Queen's Road.)

Hongkong, November 4, 1878.  
BAROMETR.—9 A.M. ... 30.180  
Do, 1 P.M. ... 30.078  
Do, 4 P.M. ... 30.064  
THERMOMETER.—9 A.M. ... 78  
Do, 1 P.M. ... 80  
Do, 4 P.M. ... 80  
Do, (Wet bulb) 9 A.M. 72½  
Do, 1 P.M. 73  
Do, 4 P.M. 73  
Do, Maximum ... 81  
Do, Minimum over night 76

#### Shipping Intelligence.